

## Collins, Kathleen

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**From:** Chung, Angela  
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**To:** Collins, Kathleen  
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I added an implementation paragraph per Dan. What do you think?

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Hi OWW,

Some of you may be aware of the recent attention on Region 10's efforts to encourage Washington and Idaho to revise their water quality standards, specifically human health criteria for toxic pollutants, to better align with Oregon's recently revised criteria and to protect people who consume Pacific NW fish and shellfish.

Given this broader interest, Dan suggested I inform the office about a decision he signed today that approves the majority of the Spokane Tribe's revised human health criteria, which are based on a fish consumption rate of 865 grams per day and drinking water intake of 4 liters per day. Prior to this action on the Spokane Tribe's submittal, the Umatilla Tribe and the State of Oregon had adopted the most stringent human health criteria in the U.S. We acknowledge that adopting more stringent criteria raises questions and concerns about implementation from our regulatory partners, permittees, and others, but this action also recognizes the Tribe's authority to make important policy calls that, in this instance, provide a higher level of protection for their waters and associated uses.

Rather than go into more details in this email, Kathleen (who worked on the decision document) and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have and/or provide you a copy of the decision. I also heard there may be interest in a future OWW all-staff presentation to hear more about the Region's work with states and tribes on human health criteria revisions. If that's the case, please let me or your UM know.

Thanks and happy holidays!

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